

George Franklin Southwick

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography

George Franklin Southwick , third son of William and Martha Jane Coleman Southwick, was born December 6, 1864 in Lehi. During his boyhood he helped his father with farming during summer; attending school during winter.

He held all offices in the Priesthood including that of High Priest. On November 7, 1904 he became secretary of the 68th Quorum of the Seventy, serving ten years. In 1905, he was appointed assistant in the superintendency of the First Ward Sunday School, and on July 2, 1911, became superintendent, holding that position until April 23, 1916.

Until the age of sixty, he devoted his time to farming in Lehi. He moved to Magna in 1923 and was affiliated with the Utah Copper Company until a few years prior to his death. Interesting diversions from farming occurred for him during the early development of Utah County. He helped on the construction of the Jordan Narrows strip of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, and the installation of the first pumping plant at the head of the Jordan River.

There was little time for recreation in those early days, but he managed frequent frolics with the young folks, especially in baseball, and annual trips to the canyons with his family became almost traditional.

Above all else, however, his obedience to the principles of the gospel stands as his fine accomplishments.

His last years were devoted to temple work and ward duties. He died December 6, 1943, in Salt Lake City, and was buried in the Lehi cemetery.